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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified any mines in Sukinda Valley in Orissa which are causing air and water pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the menace of pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (c) There are fourteen operating mines in Sukinda Valley in Orissa out of which eight are causing water and air pollution. To prevent and control pollution from these mines, Orissa State Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) is monitoring the mining areas and the quality of near by water bodies. OSPCB has taken steps for setting up requisite pollution control facilities in the mines.